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SWANAGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1955

PREFACE

Public Health Office,
12a Institute Road,
Swanage, Dorset.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Swanage Urban District Council.

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of the Swanage Urban District for the year 1955.

The report is set out in sections in the following order:-

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The report is made in accordance with the provisions of the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations, 1935, and of the Sanitary Officers Order, 1926, and conforms in general in form and content to that requested in the Ministry of Health Circulars 28/54 and 17/55. Copies of this report are being sent to the various Ministries as requested and to the County Council.

The health of the district was satisfactory throughout the year. The incidence of infectious disease remained low. There were 101 deaths registered giving a death rate of 8.7 compared with 11.7 per 1,000 population for the country as a whole. Births registered totalled 67 giving a birth rate of 10.7 compared with 15.0 per 1,000 population for England and Wales. There were 2 deaths of children under 1 year of age giving an infant mortality rate of 29.8 compared with 24.9 for England and Wales. Undue importance should not be attached to rates which are based on very small numbers.

The provision of satisfactory housing accommodation still remains a formidable problem. The number of applicants on the Council's list for accommodation shows an increase of 12, and 64 families are living in requisitioned accommodation.

Considerable time is devoted by the Council's Sanitary Inspector to the supervision of food premises, particularly during the holiday season, and his work in this respect is likely to be increased under the new Food Hygiene Regulations in the future.

I wish again to record my appreciation of your kindness and consideration and to thank the other officials of the Council for their help and co-operation during the year, especially your Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Greenwood, who has helped to complete this report.

Medical Officer of Health

June, 1956.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

Medical Officer of Health — E. J. O'Keeffe, B.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspector — K. W. Greenwood, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., Certified Meat and Food Inspector.

The Medical Officer of Health holds in addition the following appointments:-

Medical Officer of Health for the Borough of Wareham
Medical Officer of Health for the Wareham and Purbeck Rural District
Assistant Medical Officer, Dorset County Council

Office accommodation and clerical assistance is provided for the Medical Officer of Health jointly by the Authorities concerned.

The Sanitary Inspector in addition to his statutory duties is also the Authorised Officer under the Pet Animals Act.

The Works Committee of the Council deals with all matters concerning Public Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

General Statistics

1. Area of the Urban District -

   2,762 acres with a further 31 acres of foreshore.

2. Population -

At Census 1951	6,853
As estimated by Registrar General - mid 1955 ...	7,110

3. Total number of inhabited houses according to the Rate Book -

At end of 1954	2,331
At end of 1955	2,334

4. Rateable value at 1st. April, 1955 ... ... £76,680

5. Sum represented by Penny Rate £304

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1955

	Total	Male	Female
Live Births			
Total registered	67	40	27
Legitimate	64	39	25
Illegitimate	3	1	2
Still Births			
Total registered	Nil		
Deaths			
Total registered	101	50	51
Infant Mortality			
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age:			
Total registered	2	-	2
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	1	-	1
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age:			
Total registered	2	-	2
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	1	-	1

BIRTH, DEATH AND INFANT MORTALITY RATES - 1955

Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 Home Population 9.2

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 Home Population 14.2

Area Comparability factors

Births 1.16 Deaths 0.69

	Swanage	England & Wales
Live Birth Rate(Standardised)per 1,000 Home Population	10.7	15.0
Still Birth Rate(Standardised)per 1,000 Total (Live and Still Births)	0.0	23.1
Death Rate(Standardised) per 1,000 Home Population	9.8	11.7
Infant Mortality Rates per 1,000 Live Births		
All causes under 1 year of age	29.8	24.9

CAUSES OF DEATH - YEAR 1955

(Supplied by the Registrar General)

Causes of Death	Male	Female	Total
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	3	-	3
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-
5. Whooping cough	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	1	-	1
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	1	2
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ...	2	-	2
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1	1
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	3	3
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ...	5	4	9
15. Leukemia, aleukemia	1	-	1
16. Diabetes	1	-	1
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	4	10	14
18. Coronary disease, angina	9	6	15
19. Hypertension with heart disease ...	-	2	2
20. Other heart diseases	6	15	21
21. Other circulatory diseases	3	-	3
22. Influenza	-	-	-
23. Pneumonia	-	1	1
24. Bronchitis	2	2	4
25. Other diseases of respiratory system ...	1	-	1
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ...	-	-	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ...	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	-	1	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	7	5	12
33. Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-
34. All other accidents	-	-	-
35. Suicide	2	-	2
36. Homicide and operations of war ...	2	-	2
Total	50	51	101

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

There has been no change in the sources of water supply or in the method of treatment during the year. There were no major works of extension of the water supply system. Two additional electric pumps were being installed toward the end of the year at the Corfe Castle well, and a new electric submersible bore-hole pump of higher output than the one it replaced was installed at the Ulwell source.

During the Summer there were complaints of poor pressure from houses in the higher parts of the town, but no serious shortage of water was experienced during the year. However, owing to the dry season, the Council considered it advisable to prohibit the use of garden hoses and car washing from the end of July, and householders were advised that it was essential to conserve water and prevent waste.

Consideration was given by the Council to means of augmenting the water supply, and during the year discussion took place with the Wareham and Purbeck Rural District Council with a view to taking a bulk supply from their new water supply scheme, when completed; these discussions are still proceeding.

In addition to the samples taken for bacteriological examinations, 48 samples were taken from the Corfe Castle supply and 48 from Ulwell for the estimation of residual chlorine at the Public Health Laboratory, Dorchester.

The quality of the water as supplied to the consumer has been maintained at a highly satisfactory level.

Bacteriological Examinations

Number of water samples taken:-	Untreated	Treated
Corfe Castle source	48	93
Ulwell source	47	46

Results of bacteriological examinations

Untreated Water

Probable number of B.coli MacConkey 2 days, 37°C per 100 ml.	Number of Samples			
	Corfe Castle Well		Ulwell Well	
	Total Coli	Faecal Coli	Total Coli	Faecal Coli
Nil	10	14	37	40
1 - 3	3	1	6	5
3 - 10	7	5	1	-
10 - 25	5	5	3	2
25 - 100	11	11	-	-
100 - 150	-	-	-	-
Over 150	12	12	-	-

Approximately 71% of the samples of raw water from the Corfe Castle well showed presence of faecal B. Coli and indicates that the well is being polluted by the nearby Corfe river. In approximately 85% of the samples of raw water from the Ulwell source faecal B. Coli were absent.

Treated Water

Probable number of B.Coli MacConkey 2 days, 37°C per 100 ml.	Number of Samples			
	Corfe Castle Well		Ulwell Well	
	Total Coli	Faecal Coli	Total Coli	Faecal Coli
Nil	87	91	44	45
1 - 3	4	1	-	-
3 - 10	-	-	2	1
10 - 25	1	-	-	-
Over 150	1	1	-	-

The one unsatisfactory sample of treated water from the Corfe Castle source was due to an unsatisfactory sample bottle; a repeat sample gave a highly satisfactory result.

CHEMICAL ANALYSES

Corfe Castle Well

Certificate of Analysis

of a sample of water marked "Corfe Castle Well" received from the Swanage Urban District Council.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above mentioned sample with the following results: (expressed as parts per million)

Ammonia, free	0·040	Ammonia, albuminoid ...	0·050
Nitrites	absent	Nitrates, as Nitric Nitrogen	4·33
Oxygen absorbed in 15 mins. at 80°F ...	0·439	Oxygen absorbed in 4 hrs. at 80°F ...	0·603
Chlorine	35·2	Chlorine as Sodium Chloride	58·01
Hardness, temporary ...	136·25	Total solids	254·0
" permanent ...	15·00	pH value	7·6
" total ...	151·25	Metals: Lead, zinc, copper, iron absent.	
Appearance: Colourless and clear.		Odour: None	

Remarks:

This is a clear bright water, containing some, but not an undue amount of organic matter.

The results show no sign of pollution, and in my opinion, from a chemical point of view, this water is very suitable for both drinking and domestic purposes.

(Signed) ARTHUR S. CARLOS.
Public Analyst

Ulwell Well

Certificate of Analysis

of a sample of water marked "Ulwell Well" received from the Swanage Urban District Council.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above mentioned sample with the following results: (expressed as parts per million)

Ammonia, free	0·010	Ammonia, albuminoid ...	0·202
Nitrites	absent	Nitrates, as Nitric Nitrogen	2·26
Oxygen absorbed in 15 mins. at 80°F	0·147	Oxygen absorbed in 4 hrs. at 80°F	0·407
Chlorine	36·2	Chlorine as Sodium Chloride	59·66
Hardness, temporary ...	168·75	Total Solids	280·0
" permanent ...	10·0	pH value	7·5
" total ...	178·75	Metals: Lead, zinc, copper, iron absent	
Appearance: Colourless and clear		Odour: None.	

Remarks:

The above results are very satisfactory. They indicate that this is a clear, bright, somewhat hard water, of good organic purity and showing no signs of pollution. In my opinion, from a chemical point of view, this water is very suitable for drinking and domestic purposes.

(Signed) ARTHUR S CARLOS.
Public Analyst.

Water Supply to Houses in the District:

Total number of houses in the district	2334
Number of houses with piped supply	2326
Number of houses served with standpipe	3
Number of houses served with private well	4
Number of houses relying on rainwater	1

The statutory area of supply for Swanage Urban District Council's water undertaking includes part of the parish of Langton Matravers which can be supplied by gravity, and Corfe Castle village in the Wareham and Purbeck Rural District.

Sewerage and Drainage:

With the exception of the Durlston area, the sewage from Swanage is discharged untreated into the sea off Peveril Point. The outfall sewer for the Durlston area discharges untreated sewage into deep water at Durlston Bay. No evidence of any nuisance has been observed or reported within the district or neighbouring districts as a result of these methods of disposal.

Complaints continued to be received from occupiers of certain houses in Ulwell Road, of flooding from the sewer after very heavy rainfall. In consequence the Council resolved to construct a stormwater overflow connected to the Ulwell stream.

Surface water is drained mainly into the Swanage and Ulwell streams, or directly on to the foreshore. In some areas, however, surface water is discharged into the sewers. This latter method is discouraged so as to relieve pressure in the soil sewers.

Closet Accommodation:

Number of dwelling houses draining to cesspool	11
Number of dwelling houses with pail closets	42
Number of cesspools constructed during the year	1
Number of cesspools abolished	-
Number of pail closets abolished	-

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

Summary of Visits and Inspections

Public Health and Housing Acts

Dwelling houses (preliminary visits)	331
Dwelling houses (re-visits and works in progress) ...	126
Council houses inspections	83
Requisitioned properties	12
Cinemas and Dance Halls	24
Drainage: Preliminary visits	26
Tests	19
Re-visits	41
Public Sewer	12
Visits re accumulation of refuse	21
Caravan sites	98
Clearance area sites	4
Yards, courts and passages	10
Public conveniences	56
Infectious diseases enquiries and visits	31
Infectious diseases disinfections carried out ...	19
Visits to persons requiring care and attention and verminous conditions	14
Inspections of refuse tip	24
Smoke observations	2
Stable inspections	6
Housing applications	14
Inspection of piggeries	20

Food and Drugs Act

Butchers shops	130
Fried Fish shops	49
Wet Fish shops	48
Grocers shops	51
Greengrocers	18
Licensed premises	26
Cafes, restaurants, ice cream and food preparation premises	301
Dairies, cowsheds and milkshops	86
Bakehouses	52

General

Local Land Charge searches	40
Factories Act	91
Miscellaneous visits	130
Interviews with builders, agents and owners ...	50
Visits to waterworks	30
Rodent control	200
Pathological laboratory	10
Swanage County School lectures	3

Statutory and Informal Notices
(Public Health Acts, Housing Acts and Factory Act)

The following table shows the action taken to secure the abatement of nuisances and the removal of conditions dangerous or injurious to health:-

Notices	Number served	Number complied with	Outstanding
Informal	84	81	3
Statutory	1	1	-

Disinfection: There is no steam disinfection in Swanage, but where this type of disinfection is considered necessary articles of clothing and bedding are taken to the Alderney Hospital, Parkstone, where they undergo high pressure steam disinfection. Spray and fumigant disinfection is carried out by the Council's staff.

Verminous Premises: There was no serious infestation of premises during the year. In the minor cases reported effective measures were taken by spraying with a suitable insecticide.

Refuse Collection: A weekly collection of refuse is made throughout the town. Additional collections are made where occupiers of properties request a further collection and a charge is levied. During the very hot weather it was found necessary, however, to collect bi-weekly from the large hotels, cafes and restaurants. This collection was not chargeable and was in addition to any collection made by agreement with occupiers.

Refuse Disposal: During the year the Council acquired the property of the Swanage Quarry Company so as to ensure adequate facilities for the disposal of refuse from the town for many years to come. The area being 110 acres. The average amount of refuse collected daily in the district is approximately 40 cubic yards.

Smoke Abatement: It was not found necessary to take action for the abatement of smoke nuisance in the area during the year.

Camping Sites: The following fields were licenced by the Council as sites for moveable dwellings:-

Fields:	O.S. No. 32	O.S. No. 133	O.S. No. 246
	O.S. No. 46	O.S. No. 133a	O.S. No. 259
	O.S. No. 47	O.S. No. 167	O.S. No. 269
	O.S. No. 94	O.S. No. 170	O.S. No. 269a
	O.S. No. 122	O.S. No. 190	

The only period for which occupation of caravans is permitted is from April to September, and during this time regular inspections are carried out. All sites now have water closets installed for use where no chemical closet is provided within the caravan.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The following is a copy of the Rodent Officer's report:-

Inspections	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Business Premises	Agricultural	Total
Properties inspected	3	458	72	8	541
Found to be rat infested	2	9	3	2	16
Found to be mice infested	-	51	11	7	69
Treated by local authority	2	23	1	D.A.E.C.	26

All rat infestations of a minor character

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply:

All milk now sold by retail in the district is either pasteurised, tuberculin tested pasteurised, or tuberculin tested, as the Urban District is part of a specified area under Section 45 of the Food and Drugs (Milk and Dairies and Artificial Cream) Act, 1950.

There are two registered dairies and two registered milk distributors in the district.

Milk Special Designation Regulations, 1949 - 1953.

The following licences issued by the Council were in force at 31.12.55.

	Pasteurised Milk	Tuberculin Tested
Number of Dealers' Licences	1	2

In addition, one Pasteuriser's (Dealers) Licence is issued by the Food and Drugs Authority,and there is one licenced producer-retailer of tuberculin tested milk in the district.

Milk Sampling:

The following are particulars of milk samples taken in the district by the Food and Drugs Authority:-

Designation	No. of Samples	Results of tests			
		Methylene Blue		Phosphatase	
		Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed
Pasteurised	157	153	4	152	5
Pasteurised T.T.	20	20	-	19	1
Tuberculin tested	3	2	1		

Ice Cream: Supervision of premises was maintained during the year and 26 samples were submitted for the methylene blue reductase test in accordance with the Ice Cream (Heat-treatment) Regulations, and the following results were obtained:-

Number of samples	Provisional Grades
24	Grade 1
2	Grade 2

In addition, samples of iced lollies were taken and proved satisfactory. It is the practice to sample bulk ice cream more frequently than wrapped ice cream manufactured by large firms, as it is felt that there is more risk of contamination in the former method of sale.

Food Premises: Constant inspections are maintained of all premises where food is prepared or offered for sale. During the year 13 samples were taken for bacteriological examination of "rinses" from crockery and cutlery, by this means it was found convenient to impress upon food handlers the necessity to pay proper attention to washing up.

The Food Hygiene Regulations were laid before Parliament on 21st. December, 1955, and came into operation on 1st. January, 1956. It is felt that these Regulations will improve the standard of food premises and the habits of food handlers, when a Statutory instrument can be referred as to the standard required.

Slaughter Houses: No applications were received to licence premises as slaughter houses within the district.

1. Number of Food Premises by Type of Business in the Area

Grocers and General Stores	21	Bakeries	4
Green Grocers	6	Fish Shops (Wet) ...	4
Butchers Shops	7	Fried Fish Shops ...	3
Licensed Premises ...	13	Confectioners ... (selling ice cream	34
Cafes and Restaurants ... (excluding hotels, private hotels, guest houses)	29		

2. Number of Food Premises by Type Registered

(a) Under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act

Manufacture of sausages ...	7	Sale of Ice Cream ...	34
Fish Frying	3	Manufacture of Ice cream	1

(b) Under Milk and Dairies Regulations

Dairy Premises 2

3. Number of Inspections of Registered Food Premises

Premises for manufacturing sausages	...	...	...	130
Fish Frying Premises	...	...	...	49
Ice Cream Premises	...	...	...	101
Dairy Premises	...	...	...	43

Notices: Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

Informal notices served	...	...	...	75
Informal notices complied with		...	...	70
Informal notices outstanding		...	...	5

Food Condemned

Fresh Meat

Beef	210 lbs.
Boneless buttock	
Boneless silverside	
Liver	
Pork sausages	

Meat (tinned)

Corned beef	86 tins
Luncheon meat	
Beef rolls	
Jellied veal	
Pork butts	
Stewed steak	
Chicken	
Ham	
Bacon	

Miscellaneous

Sauce	6 bottles
Tomato soup	14 tins
Spaghetti	13 "
Jam	8 "
Marmalade	

Fresh Fish

Cod	...	28 lbs.
Prawns	...	12 "
Kippers	...	49 "
Fish Cakes	...	28 "

Fish (tinned)

Sardines	32 tins
Pilchards	
Salmon	
Roes	

Vegetables	...	156 tins
Fruit	...	198 tins
Milk and Milk Products	..	36 tins.

HOUSING

A survey of the older type of property was made during the year and revealed that 50 houses were unfit for human habitation, and could not be rendered fit at a reasonable cost. Before any action can be taken to make demolition orders on these properties it will be morally necessary for the Council to provide alternative accommodation for the tenants.

The deciding factor when considering these old properties is the cost of the work required to be carried out to render the houses reasonably fit. It is my opinion that the majority of these houses which are scheduled for demolition could be made reasonably fit, but it is unlikely that the owners will carry out the necessary work unless an Improvement Grant is made, and not until the houses become vacant and the tenants are rehoused by the Council.

Now that the Housing Repairs and Rent Act, 1954, which defines the conditions of an unfit house, has been in operation for over a year, it has become increasingly apparent that the standard for dealing with unfit houses is low. The Act caters far more for clearance area procedure than for individual unfit houses, and there are no group properties that can be dealt with as a Clearance area in the district. The problem of housing in Swanage appears to be one of repairs and improvement to existing properties rather than extensive demolition.

Housing Act, 1949, Section 20.

Number of Applications received for Improvement Grant	4
Number of houses inspected	-
Number of Applications approved for Grant	Nil

No houses were built by the Council during the year. The number of applicants for Council houses increased by 12. A total number of 39 houses were built in the district during 1955, which is the same number as for the previous year.

Number of Applicants on the Council's list for accommodation 31.12.55 ...	258
Number of families in emergency housing accommodation 31.12.55 ...	64
(42 Flats, 22 Tilly Whim Hutments)	

Approximately one third of the licencees of emergency housing accommodation are not applicants for Council houses.

Number of huts requisitioned at Tilly Whim	24
Number of huts occupied 31.12.55	22
Number of houses held under requisition	12
Number of houses de-requisitioned during 1955	6

Local Authority's Housing Programme

Houses completed 1955	Houses in course of construction 31.12.55	Proposed houses 1956	Total Council Houses
Nil	Nil	40 Flats 10 Houses	Pre war 165) Post war 180) 345

Housing Inspection

1. Inspection of Dwelling houses during the year

i (a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under both Public Health & Housing Acts) ...	331
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	457
ii (a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-heading (i) above which were inspected and recorded under the housing Consolidation Regulations 1925-1932	-
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	-
iii	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous as to be prejudicial to health and unfit for habitation	-
iv	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	74

2. Remedy of Defects During the Year without Service of Formal Notice

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority ...	77

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year

(a)	Proceedings under Section 9, 10 & 16 Housing Acts, 1936	
i	Number of houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	-
ii	Number of dwelling houses rendered fit after service of formal notice (a) By owners	-
	(b) By local Authority in default of owners	-
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts	
i	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	1
ii	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice -	
	(a) By owners	1
	(b) By local authority in default of owners	-
(c)	Proceedings under Section 11 & 13 Housing Act, 1936	
i	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	-
ii	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders	-
(d)	Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936	
i	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made	-
ii	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were determined, the tenement or room having been made fit	-
(e)	Proceedings under Section 3(i) Housing Act, 1949	
	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which closing orders were made	-

New Houses

Total number of houses erected during 1955	39
Houses erected during the year with State Assistance ...	-
Number of houses owned by the Local Authority	345

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The number of cases of notifiable infectious disease in the district were comparatively few in 1955. During the year 28 cases of measles and 18 cases of whooping cough were notified compared with no case of measles and 12 cases of whooping cough during 1954; during the year 1953 measles and whooping cough were epidemic. 8 cases of pneumonia were notified during 1955 compared with 14 for the preceding year, and 1 case of respiratory tuberculosis and 1 non-respiratory tuberculosis compared with 3 respiratory and 1 non-respiratory tuberculosis notified during 1954.

There was 1 serious case of paralytic poliomyelitis in a school child; the case made a good recovery with little residual disability.

No cases of food poisoning were notified, but an outbreak of diarrhoea amongst the pupils and staff of 2 day schools, both served by the same canteen, was investigated. Samples of food from the canteen, and samples of faeces of those affected were submitted for bacteriological examination, with negative results. It is possible that the outbreak was due to clostridial toxin, but as a specimen of the suspected meal served prior to the onset of the attack was not reserved it was not possible to prove this.

With the exception of 1 death from pneumonia there were no deaths due to notifiable infectious disease.

Notifications (Corrected) Figures

Disease	1st. Qtr.	2nd. Qtr.	3rd. Qtr.	4th. Qtr.	Total	Admitted to Hospital
Whooping cough	-	11	-	7	18	-
Measles	-	10	18	-	28	-
Ac.Poliomyelitis -paralytic	-	-	1	-	1	1
Ac. Pneumonia	4	3	-	1	8	4
Erysipelas	1	1	-	-	2	-
Tuberculosis - respiratory	1	-	-	-	1	1
non - respiratory	-	1	-	-	1	1

Cases of Infectious Diseases Notified during 1955

Disease	Total	Age Groups							
		Under 1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-Ov.	A.U
Whooping cough	18	1	2	3	11	-	1	-	-
Measles	28	-	4	9	15	-	-	-	-
Ac.Poliomyelitis(P)	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
		Under 5	5 - 14	15-44	45-64	65-Ov.	A.U.		
Ac. Pneumonia	8	1	1	1	2	3	-		
Erysipelas	2	-	-	-	1	1	-		
Tuberculosis - respiratory	1	1	-	-	-	-	-		
non-respiratory	1	-	-	-	1	-	-		

Scabies and Verminous Conditions

There were no cases of scabies reported. 4 cases of verminous condition of the scalp of school children and 1 verminous condition of body of an old person were reported.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Section 47. Removal of Persons in Need of Care and Attention to Suitable Premises

It has not been necessary to take any action under this section of the Act during the year.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

Part 1 of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for the Purposes of Provisions as to Health (including Inspections made by the Sanitary Inspector)

Premises	Number on Register	In-spections	Number of written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	35	39	4	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	48	52	6	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworks premises)	-	-	-	-
	83	91	10	-

2. Cases in which Defects were found:-

Particulars	Number of cases in which Defects were found				No. of Cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Re-medied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S1)	11	11	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature(S3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S4)	4	4	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	2	2	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S7)					
a)Insufficient	2	2			
b)Unsuitable or defective	6	6	-	3	-
c)Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act(not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
	25	25	-	3	-

Part VIII of the Act

OUTWORK

Section 110 and 111

During the year one outworker was employed in the district.

METEOROLOGY

I am indebted to the Meteorological Observer for the following data:-

1955 Month	Rainfall (inches)	Sunshine (hours)	Temp. °F. Max.	Temp. °F. Min.
January	3.42	39.6	44.8	36.8
February	1.77	107.4	42.7	33.0
March	0.82	179.1	44.9	33.5
April	0.69	200.4	53.3	42.7
May	3.94	235.4	56.0	44.0
June	2.25	218.1	63.1	52.0
July	0.60	317.9	71.5	56.4
August	0.46	255.1	71.5	57.4
September	1.76	194.4	66.0	51.6
October	* 5.23	149.6	57.0	43.8
November	2.23	80.8	52.7	43.0
December	5.45	33.3	51.6	42.0
Totals:	28.62	2011.1	(675.2)	(536.2)
Monthly Average	2.385	167.6	56.3	44.7

* Includes
3.31"
18th/19th.
from 6pm. to 6pm.